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SUBJECT: EASPORT REFINERY

1. MARCH 28 GLOBE AND MAIL CARRIES PRESS REPORT ENTITLED
"MAINE BOARD REOPENS HEARING FOR REFINERY."

2. ACCORDING TO THE ARTICLE, MAINE BOARD OF ENVIRONMENTAL
PROTECTION HAS REFUSED TO ACT ON PITTSTON APPLICATION TO
BUILD EASPORT REFINERY; "INSTEAD THE BOARD REOPENED ITS
YEAR-LONG PUBLIC HEARINGS TO ALLOW COMPANY OFFICIALS UP
TO SIX MORE MONTHS TO SUBMIT ADDITIONAL TESTIMONY ON LAND
TITLE OR INTERESTS... HOWEVER... THE COMPANY HAS BEEN ABLE
TO GET ADDITIONAL OPTIONS WHICH THEY SAY COMPLETES ALL OF
THIS LAND AREA NEEDED FOR THE PROJECT...

3. "ALL OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL INTERVENERS OBJECTED TO THE
MOTION. A LAWYER FOR THE COASTAL RESOURCES ACTION COMMITTEE
...SAID 'IT JUST GIVES PITTSON COMPANY TIME TO RUN AROUND
AND DO WHAT IT WAS LEGALLY REQUIRED TO DO SOME TEN
MONTHS AGO.'" JULL TEXT OF ARTICLE BY POUCH TO EUR/CAN.

4. COMMENT: RAY ROBINSON, ENVIRONMENT CANADA, INFORMED
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EMBOFF THAT CANADIAN SOURCES SAY MAINE BOARD WOULD PROBABLY

SPLIT 4 TO 3 ON PROJECT WITH MAJORITY IN FAVOR. UNDER
THESE CIRCUMSTANCES PITTSTON COMPANY CONSIDERS IT WELL
WORTH ITS EFFORT TO CLEAR UP TITLE QUESTIONS AND/OR
REDESIGN WHARF SO THAT TITLE PROBLEMS NOT APPLICABLE.
CANADIANS EXPECT PITTSTON TO PROCEED ALONG THIS LINE
WITH ULTIMATE DECISION BY BOARD IN PITTSTON'S FAVOR.
CANADIANS THEREFORE PREPARING THEMSELVES FOR NEED TO
FACE UP TO QUESTION WITH US FEDERAL GOVERNMENT IN
NOT-TOO-DISTANT FUTURE.
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